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Rayland Hicks Found Guilty on All Counts Following Appeal

Rochester, NY- Today, Rayland L. Hicks, 28, was found guilty at trial of Aggravated Sexual Assault in the 2nd Degree, Burglary in the 1st Degree, and Aggravated Criminal Contempt for the January 2008 sexual assault of his ex-girlfriend. Hicks had been found guilty at a previous trial, but the conviction was vacated by the Appellate Division Fourth Judicial Department due to technical issues surrounding the case. Assistant District Attorney Andra Ackerman prosecuted the case for the people when it was re-tried last week.

While cases being re-tried due to technicalities surrounding the initial conviction is not unheard of, the second prosecution of the defendant in this case was complicated by the fact that the victim no longer wished to cooperate, choosing instead to evoke her rights under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. As a result, Assistant District Attorney Ackerman was allowed to enter the witness's previous testimony into the record, resulting once again in a conviction.

"Needless to say, I couldn't be happier with the outcome," said Assistant District Attorney Andra Ackerman. "The manner in which Rayland Hicks assaulted his victim was incredibly callous, and it would have been absolutely tragic to see his acts go unpunished. This conviction ensures that Mr. Hicks will be held accountable for his crimes and will hopefully remain in prison, which is exactly where he belongs."

Ackerman, whose January appointment was part of a comprehensive restructuring of the District Attorney's office by incoming DA Sandra Doorley, has compiled an impressive record of victories since joining the office.

Rayland Hicks is scheduled to be re-sentenced on November 30th at 9:30am. He faces up to 25 years in prison.

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